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PEIPING PLANS LARGE WITHDRAWALS FROM TIBET

- I. ChiComs planning to withdraw large numbers (at least 25,000) troops, political and economic technicians, and laborers from Tibet, where resistance has been widespread.

- II. Withdrawals are new tactic in Peiping's efforts to win Tibetan allegiance. By reducing size of Chinese colony a major source of irritation to Tibetans will be reduced. Chinese will now concentrate on "enlightening" Tibetans with "persuasion and education."
- A. Regime has made no substantial headway with Tibetans since "liberation" in 1950-51.
- B. Large scale of withdrawals reflects Peiping's unwillingness to create Chinese Hungary with bloody crack-down on resistance.

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C. Mao Tse-tung himself has admitted "democratic reform" in Tibet now postponed indefinitely.

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